

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Arts Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 27, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

Shelley Brittingham	Victoria Hall	Randi Lacey
Paul Conrath	Laurie Haslund	June Yormark
Dawn Elwell	Dane Johnson	Kathy Justin
Rochelle Flynn	David Ketcherside	

Staff Present:

Debbie Zemke, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Supervisor
Al Parisi, Cultural Arts Supervisor

Guests

Steve Clark
Dan Corson

Call to Order

Randi called the meeting to order.

Minutes Approved

The February minutes were approved.

Town Square Public Art Proposal Presentation: Dan Corson

Steve Clark from the City of Burien Public Works Department introduced Dan Corson. Steve would like feedback and recommendations from the Arts Commission to take to the City Council. Steve said that the Arts Commissioner's thoughts are important.

In Dan's presentation, he explained that he had done a bit of research for the beacon which has daytime and evening presence. The piece was inspired from the history of the area. It has been an interesting project for him. Dan's proposal was reviewed by the Public Art Committee where he was asked to make revisions. He has made the revisions and has an alternative project which the Public Art Committee has seen.

Paul asked about Dan's vision of the debris pile. Dan's intention is to have a dynamic base and have people stay off of it in an intuitive way. The pole will last 120 years and the steel will be painted. The pole will have the appearance of stainless steel or will be composed of stainless steel.

Victoria asked about the concept and asked why lumber is the theme. Dan said that his understanding is that all of this area had old growth wood on it. Dan noted that Gunther's Tower was specific to the area. Paul mentioned that Gunther's Tower was to show off Burien just as Town Square will put the spotlight on Burien.

Victoria and Rochelle have some reservations about the piece. Rochelle likes the second piece better. Victoria likes Dan's work in general but not this specific piece. Dane likes the piece but he does not see

the historical element. It screams to him as a mining town piece. Dan stated that the piece is an interesting focal point which will get much dialog going.

Dane made a motion to go with the original concept of the 3 foot blade and not the original debris pile. In discussion it was noted that the Committee liked the original concept but scaled it down because of liability issues. Steve presented a modification to the motion: take the original concept but make the debris pile more realistic.

A motion was made to accept Dan's first proposal and to recommend it to the City Council. Rochelle and Victoria were opposed to the motion. The rest of the Arts Commissioners were in favor. The motion carries.

Dan thanked the Arts Commission for the spirited debate and appreciated the comments. The motion will go forward to the City Council on April 16. It is important that Arts Commission members are there as the Council will have questions.

Steve stated that the City Council relies on opinions from the Arts Commission of which they weigh very heavily. It is important to have someone from the Commission make the recommendation at the Council Meeting.

Staff Report

A letter has been drafted in regards to the proposed increase of the Arts and Culture Fund and will be forwarded to the City Council.

This is Randi's last meeting as an Arts Commissioner. She is concluding 8 years of service. There will be a party on April 2 at Azteca restaurant to celebrate Randi and her service to the Arts Commission.

The Burien Arts Commission has 3 vacancies. Kathy Justin has been appointed to fill one the vacancies. We still have two vacancies for the Arts Commission.

Al announced the possible production of a temporary sculpture exhibit in Dottie Harper Park during the Strawberry and Arts Festival. The Burien Arts Association has put in for a grant from 4 Culture for the project.

Other

Paul agreed to be the Chair for the Public Art Committee.

June asked if the Commission can make recommendations on architecture.

Burien Arts Association will partner with the City on July 28 and August 4 for Shakespeare in the Park. They also partnered with Artists United who will staff the gallery and offer workshops.

Rochelle announced that the Burien Little Theater had a successful run of THUGS. Visiting Mr. Green opens in May.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes taken by Al Parisi, Cultural Arts Supervisor.